

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 (Currently amended) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device comprising:
- an aerosol container containing a pressurised medicament formulation equipped with a metered dose dispensing valve having a movable valve stem;
 - a housing disposed about the aerosol container;
 - a patient port in communication with the dispensing valve;
 - a priming means mechanism adapted to apply a bias to the valve stem relative to the aerosol container sufficient to move the valve stem to fire the valve;
 - a restraining means-mechanism movable between a blocking position in which it prevents said bias firing the valve and a release position in which it allows said bias to fire the valve; and
 - a trigger assembly means responsive to inhalation through the patient port to cause the restraining means-mechanism to move from its blocking position to its release position;

wherein the aerosol valve comprises:

- a valve housing;
 - a tank component positioned within the valve housing; and
 - a valve stem mounted within said valve housing and tank component sequentially movable between a first position, a second position and a third position as the valve stem is depressed in a single direction;
- such that:
- as the valve stem is moved from said first position towards said second position a metering chamber is formed and defined between the valve stem and tank component and formulation flows from the aerosol container into the metering chamber;
 - in said second position the metering chamber has a predetermined volume and is sealed from the aerosol container; and
 - in said third position formulation is released from the metering chamber through the valve stem;

and wherein:

the priming ~~means~~assembly is constructed and arranged such that as the device is primed by operating said priming ~~means~~assembly the valve stem is moved from its first to its second position to allow formation and filling of the metering chamber;

the restraining ~~means~~mechanism is constructed and arranged such that in its blocking position it maintains the valve stem in its second position until the trigger ~~means~~assembly is actuated by inhalation through the patient port.

2. (Currently amended) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device as claimed in Claim 1 in which the priming ~~means~~assembly comprises a spring.

3. (Currently amended) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~ in which the valve stem is located within a nozzle block and the priming ~~means~~assembly applies a bias to the aerosol container.

4. (Currently amended) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1 in which the restraining ~~means~~mechanism comprises a latch and the triggering ~~means~~assembly comprises a vane.

5. (Original) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device as claimed in Claim 4 in which the vane is positioned within the patient port.

6. (Currently amended) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1 in which the restraining ~~means~~mechanism ~~comprises means for~~ applies a resisting pneumatic force to prevent firing of the valve under the influence of the priming ~~means~~assembly.